

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 0007 as follows:

The ~~present invention~~ technology described below improves the interactive feel of and reduces delays associated with PTT and other real time, interactive communication exchanges. One example of another real-time, interactive communication is an interactive video communication. But for ease of description hereafter, a PTT speech service is employed as a non-limiting example of a real time, interactive communication exchange. A first communications device user initiates a PTT communication with a second communication device, e.g., by pressing a PTT button. At the time of initiation, the first device user provides initial digital content for transmission to the second device. In response to the PTT communication initiation, a set-up procedure begins to establish a PTT connection between the first and second devices. The delay time associated with establishing the PTT connection is compensated for so that the second device user receives the initial digital content and can respond faster than it could without the delay time compensation. A faster response by the second device user reduces the undesirable response delay time between when the first user stops talking and the second user's response is received. That shorter response time enhances the interactive, real-time, conversational feel of the PTT communication between the first and second users.

Please amend paragraph 0026 as follows:

For purposes of explanation, and not limitation, the following description sets forth specific details, such as particular electronic circuitry, procedures, techniques, etc., in order to provide an understanding of the ~~present invention~~ technology described in this case. In other instances, detailed descriptions of well-known methods, devices, and techniques, etc., are

omitted so as not to obscure the description with unnecessary detail. For example, a PTT service is used below as an example real-time, interactive application. But the ~~invention~~ technology also may be employed in real time, interactive communications other than PTT communications.

Individual function blocks are shown in one or more figures. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that one or more function blocks may be implemented using discrete components, multi-function hardware, a suitably-programmed computer or microprocessor, application specific integrated circuitry, etc. or any combination thereof. Also, it is understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.